



*Easter 5*

Hope Mennonite Church  
May 7, 2023  
9:30 am Worship

Gathering to Worship

*As we gather for worship, please silence all electronic devices.  
Hearing assistance devices are available from the ushers.*

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Brother Joel

Scripture readings

Old Testament

Brother Angelo

New Testament

\*"What a Fellowship/Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

Voices Together 160

Testimonies

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Greeting our Guests (Please pass the attendance pads)

Seeing and Seeking God

Work of the Church

Sharing our Praises and Concerns

Prayers of God's People

\*"Amazing Grace"

Voices Together 163

Word of God

Pastor Hill

\*Benediction

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A warm welcome to all who have chosen to worship with us today in person or on Zoom. Our worship is being led today by the House of Jeremiah, Working Men of Christ. Thank you for sharing

with us this morning. The Zoom recording on YouTube is available starting on Monday.

### Worship Participants

Worship leader: Lori Miller  
Pianist: Ruthie Goering  
Song leader: Lowell Birkey  
Worship tech: Scott Luty  
Zoom host: Brenda Glanzer Lilliston

### Upcoming Worship Services

May 14	Preaching text I Peter 3:13-22
May 21	Preaching text I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 Choir finale
May 28	Pentecost



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Church Office Hours

Randy Tuesday-Wednesday 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Monday, Thursday – work from home

Cynthia Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-1:30 pm

Kim Friday 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Staff meeting Tuesday 9:30 am

Hope on Facebook: Follow the link at [hopemennonite.org](http://hopemennonite.org) and “like” Hope Mennonite Church to see pictures & updates on church life.

First Fruits Giving

Giving the first and best of what we are given  
as a worship response to God.

April 30

Attendance-91 (Hope-76; Zoom-15)

Offering last Sunday \$4,127 Year to date - \$77,545

Spending plan year to date - \$90,000

Hope offers an electronic option of giving through **Tithely**.

Contact the church office for instructions.

***Our Purpose:*** As an Anabaptist community of faith empowered by the Holy Spirit, Hope Mennonite Church is calling and making disciples who bring Christ's love and peace to our world

**Hope Mennonite Church Statement of Welcome and Inclusion**

We believe all people are created in God's image and we covenant to accept, respect, and love one another as we seek to follow Jesus. We gather around God's table as an open and affirming congregation, embracing all people to full participation in the life and ministry of our church regardless of age, race, marital status, sexual orientation, economic status, gender identity, citizenship, ability, ethnicity, or any other factor subject to discrimination or exclusion in our world. We

recognize and give thanks for the diverse opinions among us and are united as we strive to model a community of faith offering justice, peace, love, and com-passion in the name of Christ.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (May 7-13)

Tuesday -7:00 pm Pastor Search Committee

Wednesday -7:00 pm Choir



Mower this week: Scott Luty

Coffee preparation next Sunday: Scott & Connie Luty



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Greg & Leah Shelly-Unruh

Next Sunday: Alison, Kloie, Hailey Boese

May 21: Justin & Tiffany Regher



\*Prek-1<sup>st</sup>: Room 8/9 downstairs

\*Middle School: Room 7 downstairs

\*Young adults: "Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws" led by Pastor Randy. Room 3 downstairs.

\*Adults: "Suffering Church: How theatre can help us learn from those who leave." See announcement.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (May 14-20)

Wednesday -7:00 pm Choir

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Guests and visitors last week: John McIntyre; Jude Miller

We are called to enter the sanctuary and prepare for worship at the ringing of the chimes, followed by the prelude which is intended as a time of centering and not simply background music. You are invited to enter into a time of silence and preparation, ending your conversation when the chimes ring, which respects the pianist and those around you.

The May 5 issue of *Anabaptist World* is available on the front literature table. Read articles about Mennonite Disaster Service; restorative justice and Howard Zehr; green burials and natural cycles of life and death; the closing of Trinity Mennonite in Hillsboro, and much more.

The June-August issue of the devotional “Rejoice” is available on the front literature table. There are 13 copies.

Adult Sunday School You are invited to the second Sunday presentation on “Suffering Church: How theatre can help us learn from those who leave.” This play is the work of Karen Robu, pastor at Plymouth Congregational Church, professor of theatre at Bethel College, and well-known actor in Wichita. There will be a recap of last week, so even if you were not in attendance, please join us. Note: We will not be able to share the recording of these sessions.

Adult Sunday School, May 14: THE FIVE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY of Anabaptism in 2025 offers the church a unique opportunity to celebrate and dream. MennoMedia is producing a number of resources to help the church reflect on “looking back as well as dreaming on how to live forward. You are invited to learn more about the **Anabaptism at 500 project** and the vision behind The **Anabaptist Community Bible**. This Sunday School event will include an update on the project and how more than 500 scripture study groups will contribute to this unique study Bible (including the Hope evening women’s book group). Leading this discussion will be Mitch Stutzman, MennoMedia staff, and Lee Schmucker, MennoMedia board chair.

Congregational Meeting on May 21 PCRC (Pastor Congregation Relations Committee) will hold a congregational meeting to process the congregational review and establish our next set of church priorities. We will meet during the Sunday School hour on May 21.

Five years ago, we established the following priorities.

1. Build a Welcoming Statement.
2. Be intentional and proactive about church growth.
3. Establish more small groups.
4. Explore ways to use the rental house for ministry.
5. Use of more music styles during worship.

Lee Schmucker will lead the session based on information gathered from the congregational review. All are invited - please bring your ideas on our future direction. Child care will be provided.

Hope Mennonite will again be supporting Embrace of Wichita. The mission of Embrace is to demonstrate unconditional love and support to women and men facing unexpected pregnancy and crises of sexual health. Pick up an Embrace baby bottle on Mother's Day (May 14) in Fellowship Hall. Take it to coworkers, neighbors, small group, family, and fill the bottle with coins or bills. Bring it back on Father's Day (June 18). Thank you in advance for your participation in this ministry.

### Prayers for the wider church

...Give thanks for WDC's Resource Library, and pray that children, youth, adults and ministry leaders would be enriched in faith and discipleship through library resources.

...Pray for international partners, many of whom are deeply involved in ministries of peace-building, trauma healing, mediation training and reconciliation.

...Pray for a couple serving in a sensitive ministry in Israel, for one year. They provide support to Christian ministries and a local congregation.